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1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR LORIDAN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY STOESSEL APRIL 26 TO INQUIRE ABOUT SEVERAL ASPECTS
OF DR. KISSINGER' S RECENT QTE YEAR OF EUROPE UNQTE
SPEECH. LORIDAN NOTED THAT WASHINGTON AMBASSADORS
OF THE NINE EC COUNTRIES WOULD BE MEETING LATER IN THE
DAY FOR THEIR MONTHLY LUNCH AT WHICH HE WOULD PRESIDE
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SINCE BELGIANS CURRENTLY CHAIR EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. LORIDAN EXPECTED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF DR. KISSINGER' S SUGGESTION FOR A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER AND WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE HIS LOCAL COLLEAGUES, AS WELL AS HIS OWN GOVERNMENT, WITH AMPLIFICATION OF CERTAIN POINTS.

2. STOESSEL, DRAWING PRIMARILY ON GUIDANCE REFTEL, CORRECTED LORIDAN' S MISIMPRESSION THAT DR. KISSINGER PROPOSED REVISION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, CITING PARA 2(B) OF REFTEL TO SUGGEST THAT A JOINT DECLARATION MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FORMAT TO SET FORTH QTE CLEAR SET OF COMMON OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES. UNQTE

3. STOESSEL STRESSED THAT U. S. DID NOT HAVE A DETAILED BLUEPRINT AND WELCOMED ALL IDEAS NATO PARTNERS COULD CONTRIBUTE ON FORUM IN WHICH TO NEGOTIATE AND CONTENT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION. THE NAC WAS ONE OBVIOUS POSSIBILITY.

4. LORIDAN ASKED ABOUT TIMING OF PRESIDENT NIXON' S TRAVEL TO EUROPE: STOESSEL NOTED THAT NO PERIOD HAD BEEN FIXED YET BEYOND DR. KISSINGER' S QUOTE TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR UNQUOTE.

5. LORIDAN SAID THAT FOR MANY EUROPEANS IT WOULD BE A GREAT CHANGE IN THE SCOPE OF THE ALLIANCE TO BRING JAPAN IN. STOESSEL COMMENTED THAT DR. KISSINGER SPOKE OF JAPAN ULTIMATELY JOINING THIS EFFORT. IT REMAINED TO BE DEFINED HOW JAPAN COULD BE INCLUDED. BUT THE U. S. BELIEVED THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE FOR ALL THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING JAPAN, AS WELL AS NATO MEMBERS, TO FIND WAYS TO CONSULT ON POLITICAL AND PARTICULARLY ON ECONOMIC TOPICS. THE OECD INCLUDED JAPAN BUT GENERALLY DEALT WITH FAIRLY SPECIFIC ISSUES, NOT BROADER CONSULTATIONS.

6. LORIDAN INQUIRED WHETHER DR. KISSINGER' S STATEMENT THAT DIPLOMACY QUOTE IS ESSENTIALLY BEING CONDUCTED BY TRADITIONAL NATION STATES UNQUOTE REFERRED TO FRANCE OR ANY OTHER PARTICULAR COUNTRIES. STOESSEL FELT THE POINT WAS RATHER THAT THE NATO ALLIES NEEDED TO DEVELOP MORE CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER; DR. KISSINGER HAD SAID
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QUOTE THE ATLANTIC NATIONS MUST FIND A SOLUTION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR DIVERSITY, TO SERVE THE COMMON OBJECTIVES WHICH UNDERLIE THEIR UNITY. UNQUOTE IF THIS COULD BE DONE, THERE WOULD BE FEWER EUROPEAN FEARS OF U. S.- SOVIET BILATERAL DEALINGS AND LESS AMERICAN CONCERN OVER WHAT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MIGHT WORK OUT IN SIMILAR BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH THE USSR.

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7. LORIDAN NOTED THAT DR. KISSINGER SPOKE OF QUOTE UNRESOLVED ISSUES... ON THE CRUCIAL QUESTION OF THE ROLE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ANOMALIES IN NATO DEPLOYMENTS AS WELL AS IN ITS LOGISTICS STRUCTURE UNQUOTE AND ASKED IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL COULD EXPAND ON THESE COMMENTS. STOESSEL REPLIED THAT DESPITE MANY DISCUSSIONS IN THE NATO NPG AND ELSEWHERE ON USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THERE WERE STILL AMBIGUITIES ON HOW OR WHEN THEY MIGHT BE USED; THESE QUESTIONS DESERVED FURTHER EXAMINATION. LORIDAN COMMENTED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE EUROPEANS WERE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH NPG WORK IN THIS AREA. ON LOGISTICS, STOESSEL SAID SUBJECTS OF STOCKPILE LEVELS, WEAPONS STANDARIZATION, RESERVE MOBILIZATION ARRANGEMENTS WERE AMONG MATTERS DESERVING CONSIDERATION. ROGERS

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